**Zion National Park** 



# Zion Outreach

Zion Outreach is a program in which park rangers visit schools in surrounding communities and conduct curriculum-based programs for third, fourth, and fifth grade students. Park staff use a variety of educational techniques and approaches to improve understanding and retention of the associated subject matter. Programs may include PowerPoint presentations, games, discussions, and/or activities. All programs are between 50-60 minutes long.

### **Third Grade – Home Sweet Home**

All living things have specific requirements in order to call a place home. Using the habitats of Zion National Park as examples, students will learn how living and nonliving members of an environment are connected. Students will uncover these relationships and the role change may play in their development.

#### **Fourth Grade – Surviving Zion**

Due to its unique landforms and variation in elevation, Zion National Park possesses a number of diverse ecosystems found throughout Utah. Students will discover the adaptations of plants and animals that enable them to survive in Zion's wetlands, deserts, and/or forests.

## Fifth Grade – Changing Landscapes

Landscapes are continually altered and reshaped by natural processes. Zion National Park contains tremendous examples of Earth's constantly changing surface and the geologic processes responsible. Students will explore how geological processes such as sedimentation, weathering, erosion, and uplift shape Zion and much of southern Utah.

#### **Available Dates and Scheduling**

Outreach programs are offered Monday through Friday during the following available dates in 2013 and 2014.

NOTE: The fifth grade program has been changed to October, 2013, instead of the usual April time slot.

Third Grade: January 8, 2014 to February 14, 2014 Fourth Grade: February 17, 2014 to March 28, 2014

Fifth Grade: October 1, 2013 to October 25, 2013

Reservation forms must be received by email, mail, or fax by Friday, September 13, 2013. If your school has multiple classes interested in participating, please coordinate your requests and submit your reservation forms together. Space is limited.

For additional information or questions, please call the Zion Education Office at (435) 772-0165.